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# AGENDA ZONING COMMITTEE OF THE SAINT PAUL PLANNING COMMISSION Thursday, April 1, 2010 3:30 P.M. City Council Chambers Third Floor City Hall - Saint Paul, Minnesota

**NOTE:** The order in which the items appear on this agenda is not necessarily the order in which they will be heard at the meeting. The Zoning Committee will determine the order of the agenda at the beginning of its meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2010, ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

SITE PLAN REVIEW – List of current applications (Tom Beach, 651-266-9086)

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1 10-115-751 Ted And Lynn LLC

Rezoning from RM2 Medium-Density Multiple-Family Residential to TN2 Traditional Neighborhood

1389 & 0 Hawley St, between Cottage and Arlington

RM<sub>2</sub>

Patricia James

651-266-6639

#### 2 10-106-605 Hamernick Hill

Variances of TN design standards: building size of 10,000 sq. ft. permitted, 20,782 sq. ft. proposed; floor area ratio of 0.5 required, 0.319 proposed; and window/door openings 30% of front elevation required, 25.8% proposed

1396 Rice St, NE corner at Cottage

TN2

Patricia James

651-266-6639

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### 3 10-121-038 Jim and Michael Johnsen

Rezoning portions of parcels at 260 Clarence and 1365 Burns from R4 One Family Residential to B2 Community Business

1347 Burns, NE Corner at Clarence

R4

Luis Pereira 651-266-6591

### 4 10-121-081 Obbs Bar

Variance for number of off-street parking spaces and driveway setback from residential property 1347 Burns Ave. NE Corner at Clarence

B2

Luis Pereira 651-266-6591

### 5 10-119-666 MCD Agency LLC

Rezoning from TN2 Traditional Neighborhood to B2 Community Business 670 Juno Ave, SE corner of Juno and Osceola

B2

Luis Pereira 651-266-6591

#### 6 10-121-250 Shamrock's

Variances for new parking lot: 1) 300 feet maximum from building served permitted, 450 feet proposed; and 2) setback from Osceola right-of-way (7 ft. required, 4 ft. proposed) 670 Juno Ave, SE corner of Juno and Osceola

B2

Luis Pereira 651-266-6591

# 7 10-114-639 Clear Wire (Groveland Rec Center)

Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communications antenna on a 100 ft monopole 1961 St Clair Ave, between Prior and Kenneth

R3

Sarah Zorn 651-266-6570

### 8 10-116-425 Clear Wireless LLC (Eastview Playground)

Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communications antenna on a 100 ft monopole 1675 5th St E, Area bounded by Kennard, 5th, Flandrau, Margaret St. Alley R4

Sarah Zorn 651-266-6570

## 9 10-123-489 University of St. Thomas \*POSTPONED TO APRIL 15

Modification of conditional use permit requirement that off-street parking spaces for college athletic facilities be within 600 feet of the building to be served 2115 Summit Ave Bldg Ust, Area bounded by Selby, Cleveland, Grand, Cretin, Mississippi River Blvd., Goodrich, and Summit R2

Josh Williams 651-266-6659

### 10 10-122-449 St. Thomas Student Center \*POSTPONED TO APRIL 15

Site plan review for new student center 2115 Summit Ave R2

Tom Beach 651-266-9086

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

ZONING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Call Allan Torstenson at 266-6579 or Samantha Langer at 266-6550 if you are unable to attend the meeting.

APPLICANT: You or your designated representative must attend this meeting to answer any questions that the committee may have.

# **ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

1. FILE NAME: Ted And Lynn LLC

FILE #: 10-115-751

2. APPLICANT: Ted And Lynn LLC

**HEARING DATE:** April 1, 2010

3. TYPE OF APPLICATION: Rezoning - Consent

4. LOCATION: 1389 Hawley St and 0 Hawley St., between Cottage and Arlington

5. PIN & LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 192922320158, 192922320157; Hagers Subdivision Of Lots1 Vac Alley Adj & Lots 26 & 27 Blk 5; Hagers Subdivision Of Lots1 Vac Alley Adj & Lots 28 Blk 5

6. PLANNING DISTRICT: 6

**EXISTING ZONING: RM2** 

7. **ZONING CODE REFERENCE:** § 66.312; § 66.321; § 61.801(b)

8. STAFF REPORT DATE: March 24, 2010

BY: Patricia James

9. DATE RECEIVED: March 1, 2010

60-DAY DEADLINE FOR ACTION: April 30, 2010

- A. **PURPOSE:** Rezoning from RM2 Medium-Density Multiple-Family Residential to TN2 Traditional Neighborhood.
- B. **PARCEL SIZE:** Irregular parcel; total area is 20,018 sq. ft. 1389 Hawley: approx. 80 ft. (Hawley) x 157.5 ft. = 12,545 sq. ft.; 0 Hawley: approx. 40 ft. x 187.5 = 7,473sq. ft.
- C. EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant land
- D. **SURROUNDING LAND USE:** The site adjoins commercial uses in the TN2 district to the west and mixed density residential to the north, east, and south.
- E. **ZONING CODE CITATION:** §66.312 and § 66.321describe the intent of the TN2 district and list permitted uses; §61.801(b) provides for changes to the zoning of property initiated by the property owner.
- F. **HISTORY/DISCUSSION:** There is no zoning history for these parcels. An application for variances of TN design standards that includes these parcels as well as 1386 Rice St. has been submitted (Z.F. # 10-106-605) along with this application. A site plan has also been submitted for review by City staff (Z. F. # 10-113-485).
- G. **DISTRICT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:** The District 6 Planning Council recommends approval of the rezoning.

### H. FINDINGS:

- 1. The applicant is proposing to redevelop property at 1386 Rice for a home decorating showroom and warehouse. The plans include using these lots for parking and for maneuvering of trucks making deliveries to the business. Since these parcels will become part of the larger development, the applicant is requesting their rezoning to TN2 to be consistent with the rest of the site.
- 2. The proposed zoning is consistent with the way this area has developed. It appears that these lots have been used for parking in the past by the previous rent-all business on Rice.
- 3. The proposed zoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The 2005 Rice Street Small area plan vision includes: Rice Street should be a safe, successful commercial area that welcomes pedestrians as well as automobiles.... Buildings are built up to the sidewalk, with doors and windows opening to the street.... The District 6 North End/South Como plan includes a policy "...to Maintain and Enhance the Built Environment by ...preserving the mainstreet character of Rice Street... The development proposed will have the main building at the corner of Rice and Cottage.
- 4. The proposed zoning permits a mix of residential and commercial uses and is compatible with the mixed nature of development in the area and is consistent with the

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- Land Use Plan (2010), which identifies Rice Street as a mixed use corridor and supports a mix of uses in these corridors (Policy 1.24).
- 5. Court rulings have determined that "spot zoning" is illegal in Minnesota. Minnesota courts have stated that this term "applies to zoning changes, typically limited to small plots of land, which establish a use classification inconsistent with the surrounding uses and creates an island of nonconforming use within a larger zoned district, and which dramatically reduce the value for uses specified in the zoning ordinance of either the rezoned plot or abutting property." Because the proposed use is consistent with the zoning to the west and the area already contains a mix of uses, changing the zoning classification to TN2 would not constitute spot zoning.
- 6. The petition was found sufficient on March 24, 2010: 21 parcels eligible, 14 parcels required, 14 parcels signed.
- I. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of the rezoning of 1389 Hawley St and 0 Hawley St from RM2 Medium-Density Multiple-Family Residential to TN2 Traditional Neighborhood.



Notary Public

# PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE

Department of Planning and Economic Development Zoning Section 1400 City Hall Annex 25 West Fourth Street Saint Paul, MN 55102-1634 (651) 266-6589

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APPLICANT	Property Owner TED Lynn ILC  Address 1455 Sterling ON N.  City Markens St. Mn Zip 55 119 Daytime Phone 151 487 3211  Contact Person (if different) Repen Data Phone 151 487 3211
PROPERTY LOCATION	Address / Location 1389 Plan lef  Legal Description Lot 36,37 Block 5 Hazro Sub. Lots 1-7+14-18  of Walters additional sheet if necessary)  Current Zoning RM  (attach additional sheet if necessary)
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My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2015

POPE ASSOCIATES, INC 1255 Energy Park Drive St. Paul, MN 55108-5118

February 4, 2010

# REZONING AND BUILDING DESIGN VARIANCE NARRATIVE

From:

Daniel Pollastrini

Re:

Hamernick Decorating Center - New Showroom Building

PAI No. 51778-09116

Subject:

CITY SUBMITTAL ATTACHMENT - NARRATIVE

Lynn Natus of Hamernick Decorating Center is requesting a property re-zoning and three Building Design Variances for the property located at 1396 North Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. The Hamernick Decorating Center is planning to expand their current facility by demolishing two out of the three buildings on this property and replacing them with a larger one story building that will contain a new decorating showroom and warehouse facility. Lynn has contacted the District 6 representative and a neighborhood meeting took place on January 26<sup>th</sup>. There was no opposition to the rezoning request. Submitted with this letter are adjoining property owner's signatures and a recap of the meeting.

Hamernicks has contracted with Pope Architects to help with the building design, City approval, and construction process. Prior to this submittal, Pope Architects has met with Tom Beach from the Department of Safety and Inspections to review proposed project design, and coordinate the City process for approval.

# **DESCRIPTION OF REZONING REQUEST**

The property is divided into 3 parcels. The largest parcel "A", is located at the front of site on Rice Street and will contain the new proposed building. Parcel "B" and Parcel "C" are located at the rear of the site. They will contain parking for the facility and will be needed for truck maneuvering to the truck docks located at the rear of the building. See site plan drawings submitted with this submittal. The following is a description of each parcel.

PARCEL	<u>SIZE</u>	CURRENT ZONING	PROPOSED REZONING
Parcel "A"	52,579 SF. (1.20 acres)	TN-2 Neighborhood District	NA
Parcel "B"	7,473 SF. (0.17 acres)	RM-2 Residential District	TN-2
Parcel "C"	12,545 SF. (0.29 acres)	RM-2 Residential District	TN-2
TOTALS	72,592 SF. (1.66 acres)		

It was determined at our initial meetings with the Tom Beach that Parcel "B" and Parcel "C" should be rezoned from RM-2 to TN-2, to match Parcel "A" zoning, since truck maneuvering will take place on these two parcels.

We feel that this rezoning request should be granted, based on the following:

- Property can't be put into reasonable use with current zoning, since truck access to rear of building is necessary for building function.
- Circumstances are unique to this property, since it includes 3 separate parcels which is a circumstance that was not created by the landowner.
- Rezoning is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the code, and will unify the zoning for the entire
  property.
- Rezoning will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties, and will not alter the essential character of the surrounding area in a negative way.
- Rezoning would not permit any use that is not permitted per code.
- Rezoning request is not based primarily on a desire to increase property value or income for the land owner.



# ZONING PETITION SUFFICIENCY CHECK SHEET

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I, Jon Wiersma, as an independent contractor and on behalf of Hamernicks, showed each signee the Consent for Rezoning and explained that Hammernicks applied to the city to rezone a parcel of newly purchased property at 1389 Hawley from RM (residential) to TN2 (commercial). I further explained that the property in question, a vacant lot, would serve Hammernicks for daytime parking.

Jon Wiersma

590 Lexington Pkwy. S.

St. Paul, MN 55116

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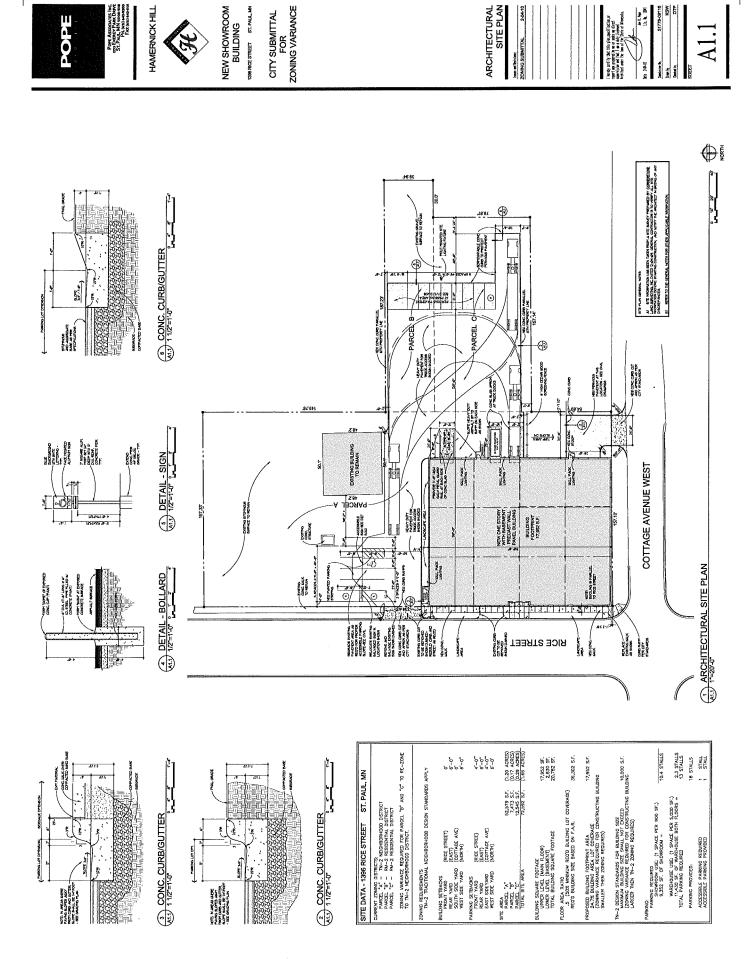
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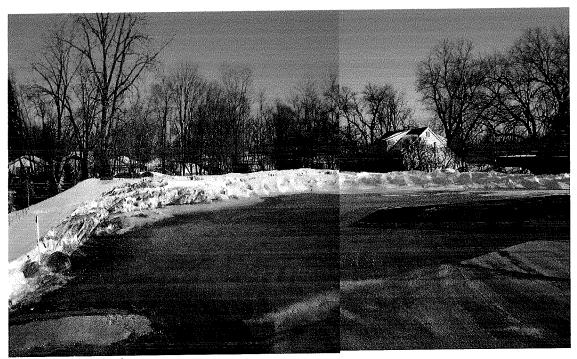
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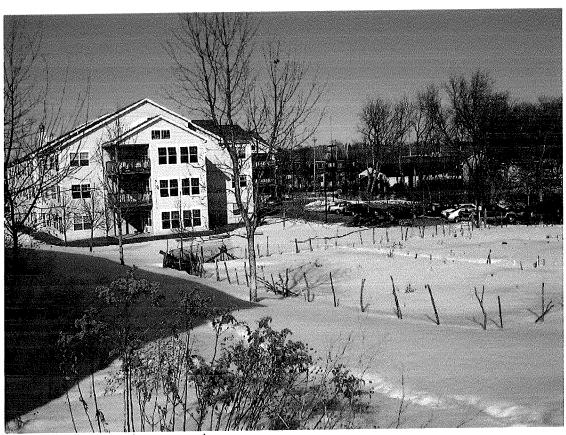
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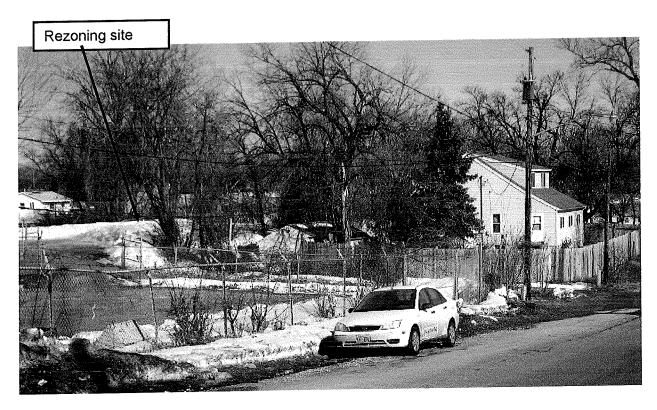
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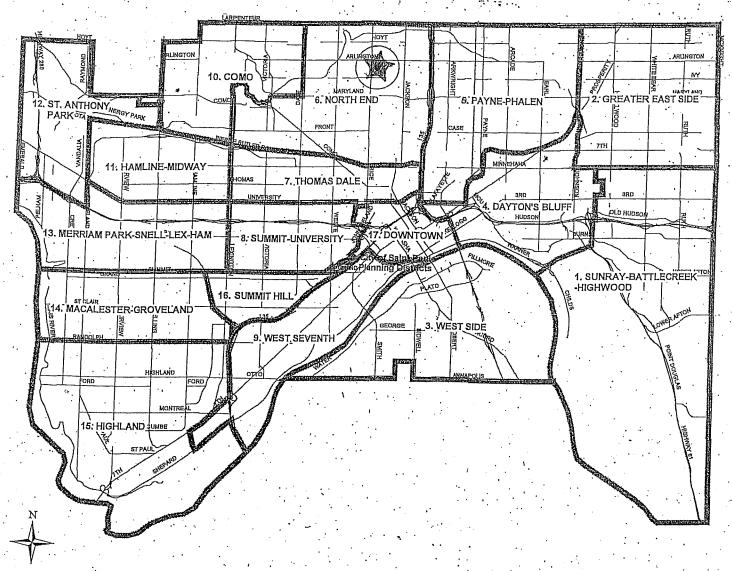


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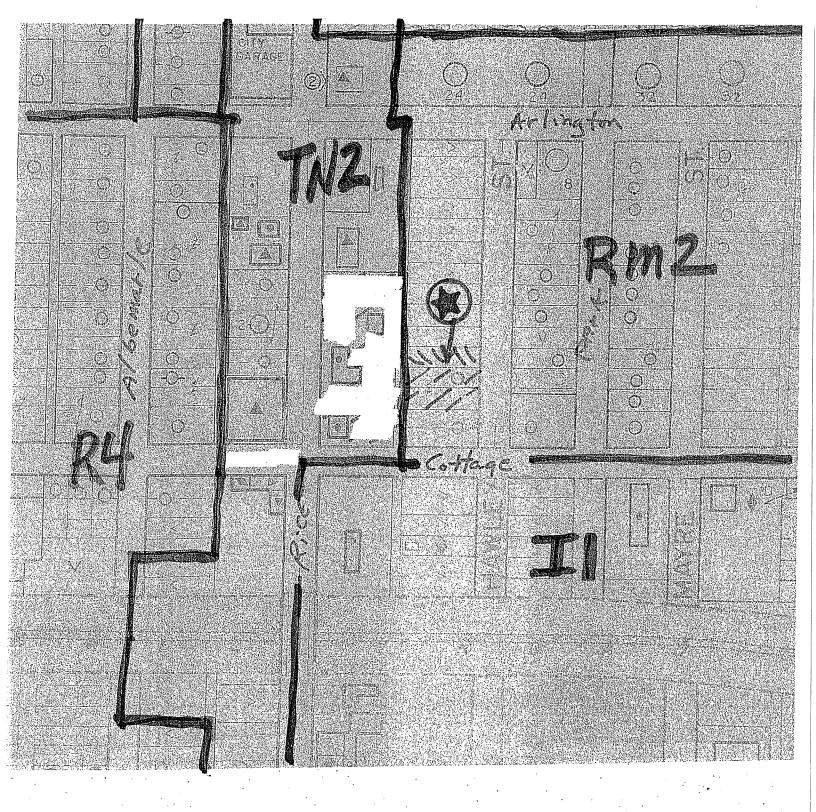
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FILE #10-1/5751	DATE 3-2-10
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zoning district boundary

subject property



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two family  $\triangle + \bigcirc$  multiple family commercial

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### ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

1. FILE NAME: Hamernick Hill

FILE #: 10-106-605

2. **APPLICANT:** Hamernick Decorating Center

**HEARING DATE:** April 1, 2010

3. TYPE OF APPLICATION: PC Variance

4. **LOCATION:** 1396 Rice St, NE corner at Cottage

5. PIN & LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 192922320149, Hagers Subdivision Of Lots1 Vac Alley Adj & Lots 11 Thru 23 Blk 5; 192922320158, Hagers Subdivision Of Lots1 Vac Alley Adj & Lots 26 & 27 Blk 5; 192922320157, Hagers Subdivision Of Lots1 Vac Alley Adj & Lots 28 Blk 5

6. PLANNING DISTRICT: 6

PRESENT ZONING: TN2, RM2

7. **ZONING CODE REFERENCE**: § 61.601; § 61.202(b)

8. STAFF REPORT DATE: March 24, 2010

BY: Patricia James

9. **DATE RECEIVED:** February 4, 2010

60 DAY DEADLINE FOR ACTION: April 5, 2010

A. **PURPOSE:** Variances of TN density and design standards: building size of 10,000 sq. ft. permitted, 20,782 sq. ft. proposed; floor area ratio of 0.5 required, 0.319 proposed; and window/door openings of 30% of front elevation required, 25.8% proposed

- B. PARCEL SIZE: Irregular parcel, 334.47 ft. (Rice), 157.1 ft. (Cottage) with a total lot area of 75,592 sq. ft.
- C. EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant rent-all business
- D. SURROUNDING LAND USE:

North: Restaurant, gas station, senior apartments (TN2, RM2)

East: Low density residential (RM2)

South: Automotive and industrial uses (I1)

West: Mixed commercial and residential uses (TN2)

- E. **ZONING CODE CITATION:** § 61.202(b) authorizes the planning commission to grant variances when related to rezonings, using the required findings of §61.601.
- F. **HISTORY/DISCUSSION:** A permit for the rent-all business was approved in 1959. As part of the proposed redevelopment of this site, applications for rezoning properties on Hawley and site plan review have also been submitted (ZF#s 10-115-751 and 10-113-485).
- G. **DISTRICT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:** District 6 Community Council recommends approval of the variances.

#### H. FINDINGS:

- 1. The applicant seeks to redevelop this site for a new home decorating center. The proposed showroom and warehouse will be located at the corner of Cottage and Rice. It will be one story construction with a partial basement. The showroom area will be 9,352 sq. ft.; the warehouse area will include 11,430 sq. ft. in the main building. In addition, one of the existing buildings on the site, with an area of 2,415 sq. ft., will be retained for storage.
- 2. Section 65.534 states: In TN2--TN3 traditional neighborhood districts, the showroom or sales area shall be located at the front of the building and designed in a manner consistent with traditional storefront buildings, and total floor area shall not exceed ten thousand (10,000) square feet. The new building proposed by the applicant locates the showroom/sales area at the front of the building. However, the total floor area is 20,782 sq. ft, 10,782 sq. ft. larger than permitted for this use in the TN2 district. The applicant has requested a variance of the size limit.
- 3. Section 66.331 states that the minimum floor area ratio (FAR) for nonresidential uses is 0.5 (50%). The applicant's proposal includes a new building of 20,782 sq. ft. and retaining an existing building of 2,415 sq. ft., for an FAR of .319 (31.95%). Section 66.343 lists design standards for the traditional neighborhood districts. The proposed development does not comply with Sec. 66.343(14)a. While door and window openings are 75% of the length of the primary street façade and thus over the minimum of 50%, they are 25.8% of the area of the ground floor of the primary street façade, less than the required 30%. The applicant has also requested variances of these standards.

- 4. Section 61.601 sets out the required findings for a variance of the Zoning Code:
  - (a) The property in question cannot be put to a reasonable use under the strict provision of the code. This finding is met. A new home decorating center is a reasonable use of this site. The site is larger than is typical in pedestrian-oriented commercial areas, so the TN2 standard for maximum building size of 10,000 sq. ft. and minimum floor area ratio of 0.5 cannot both be accommodated under the strict provision of the code. The proposed development complies with many of the design requirements for the TN2 district, including the building holding the corner and the total length of door and window openings along the Rice Street façade. The building's higher ceiling meets the design requirement for one story buildings in TN2 districts (Sec. 66.343(12)), by providing greater height, but this also increases the area of the ground floor façade, making it unreasonable to comply with the strict provision of the code regarding percent of window and door openings.
  - (b) The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to his property, and these circumstances were not created by the landowner. This finding is met. The site is unusually long and narrow and includes additional property to the east, creating a uniquely shaped parcel. This existing site configuration was not created by the landowner.
  - (c) The proposed variance is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the code, and is consistent with the health, safety, comfort, morals and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Saint Paul. This finding is met. The intent of the TN2 regulations regarding building size, floor area ratio, and window area on the ground floor is to create a pedestrian-friendly, walkable environment. The proposed development includes many of these elements. The window and door openings comprise 75% of the length of the building (exceeding the 50% minimum), which mitigates the area requirement and thus meets the spirit and intent of the area requirement. The nature of the proposed showroom and warehouse use, which is permitted in the TN2 district, is a type of development that also requires a larger size than conventional retail uses. The size of the building and the floor area ratio are proportionate to the size of the site and the needs of the business, thus meeting the intent of the regulations. The variances are also consistent with the health, safety, comfort, morals, and welfare of city inhabitants.
  - (d) The proposed variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, nor will it alter the essential character of the surrounding area or unreasonably diminish established property values within the surrounding area. This finding is met. The variances of building size, window area in the front façade, and floor area ratio will not impact the light and air to adjacent properties and will not alter the essential character of the area. The proposed development represents a significant investment, which should have a positive impact on property values in the surrounding area.
  - (e) The variance, if granted, would not permit any use that is not permitted under the provisions of the code for the property in the district where the affected land is located, nor would it alter or change the zoning district classification of the property. This finding is met. None of the variances would permit a use not already permitted in the TN2 zoning district.
  - (f) The request for variance is not based primarily on a desire to increase the value or income potential of the parcel of land. This finding is met. The variance requests are based on a desire to redevelop the site in a manner consistent with the TN2 regulations and the operational requirements of the business.
- I. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of the variances of TN density and design standards to permit a showroom/warehouse building of 20,782 sq. ft. with a floor area ratio of 0.319 and window/door openings of 25.8% for the front elevation in accordance with the application for variance and the site plan on file, subject to the condition that the City Council aproves the rezoning of 1389 and 0 Hawley to TN2.



### APPLICATION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

Department of Safety and Inspections 375 Jackson Street Suite 220 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

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	Name LYNN NATUS Company HAMERNICK DECORATING CENTER  Address 1381 NORTH RICE STREET		
APPLICANT	City ST. PAUL St. MN Zip 55117 Daytime Phone (651) 487-3211		
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PROPERTY INFORMATION	Address / Location 1396 NORTH RICE STREET (PARCEL B & C)  Legal Description SEE ATTACHED SHEET  (attach additional sheet if necessary)  PARCEL B-7473 SF.  Lot Size PARCEL C'-12,545 SF. Present Zoning RM-2 Present Use PARKING FOR PARCEL A"  Proposed Use PARKING FOR PARCEL A"-REZONE TO MATCH PARCEL A"-TN-2		
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Attachments as required:

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POPE ASSOCIATES, INC 1255 Energy Park Drive St. Paul, MN 55108-5118

February 4, 2010

# REZONING AND BUILDING DESIGN VARIANCE NARRATIVE

From:

Daniel Pollastrini

Re:

Hamernick Decorating Center - New Showroom Building

PAI No. 51778-09116

Subject:

**CITY SUBMITTAL ATTACHMENT - NARRATIVE** 

Lynn Natus of Hamernick Decorating Center is requesting a property re-zoning and three Building Design Variances for the property located at 1396 North Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. The Hamernick Decorating Center is planning to expand their current facility by demolishing two out of the three buildings on this property and replacing them with a larger one story building that will contain a new decorating showroom and warehouse facility. Lynn has contacted the District 6 representative and a neighborhood meeting took place on January 26<sup>th</sup>. There was no opposition to the rezoning request. Submitted with this letter are adjoining property owner's signatures and a recap of the meeting.

Hamernicks has contracted with Pope Architects to help with the building design, City approval, and construction process. Prior to this submittal, Pope Architects has met with Tom Beach from the Department of Safety and Inspections to review proposed project design, and coordinate the City process for approval.

### **DESCRIPTION OF REZONING REQUEST**

The property is divided into 3 parcels. The largest parcel "A", is located at the front of site on Rice Street and will contain the new proposed building. Parcel "B" and Parcel "C" are located at the rear of the site. They will contain parking for the facility and will be needed for truck maneuvering to the truck docks located at the rear of the building. See site plan drawings submitted with this submittal. The following is a description of each parcel.

PARCEL	SIZE	CURRENT ZONING	PROPOSED REZONING
Parcel "A"	52,579 SF. (1.20 acres)	TN-2 Neighborhood District	NA
Parcel "B"	7,473 SF. (0.17 acres)	RM-2 Residential District	TN-2
Parcel "C"	12,545 SF. (0.29 acres)	RM-2 Residential District	TN-2
TOTALS	72,592 SF. (1.66 acres)		

It was determined at our initial meetings with the Tom Beach that Parcel "B" and Parcel "C" should be rezoned from RM-2 to TN-2, to match Parcel "A" zoning, since truck maneuvering will take place on these two parcels.

We feel that this rezoning request should be granted, based on the following:

- Property can't be put into reasonable use with current zoning, since truck access to rear of building is necessary for building function.
- Circumstances are unique to this property, since it includes 3 separate parcels which is a circumstance that was not created by the landowner.
- Rezoning is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the code, and will unify the zoning for the entire property.
- Rezoning will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties, and will not alter the essential character of the surrounding area in a negative way.
- Rezoning would not permit any use that is not permitted per code.
- Rezoning request is not based primarily on a desire to increase property value or income for the land owner.



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It was determined that the building design will follow the TN-2 Traditional Neighborhood Design Standards. The following is a description of the 3 building design variances we are requesting.

#### **VARIANCE REQUEST #1 - BUILDING SIZE**

TN-2 Traditional Neighborhood Design Standards state that the building shall not exceed 10,000 square feet. The proposed building is 20,782 square feet. A variance is requested to construct building **LARGER** then City code allows.

# **VARIANCE REQUEST #2 – FLOOR AREA RATIO**

TN-2 Traditional Neighborhood Density standards state that non-residential uses require a minimum floor area ratio of .5. (Minimum 50% building lot coverage). This would require a building size of 36,296 square feet. The proposed new building size is only 20, 782 square feet. A variance is requested to construct building **SMALLER** then City code allows. Note that variance 1 and 2 are in direct conflict with each other.

# VARIANCE REQUEST #3 – STREET ELEVATION- PERCENTAGE OF WINDOWS

TN-2 Traditional Design Standards state that for new commercial buildings, windows and doors or openings shall comprise at least fifty (50) percent of the length and at least thirty (30) percent of the area of the ground floor of the primary street façade.

The street façade for this property is Rice Street. Overall length of proposed building is 150'-0", and required length of windows/doors at (50) percent would be 75'-0". Proposed front elevation exceeds this length requirement at (75) percent, with a total length of windows/doors at 112'-0".

Required (30) percent windows/doors for the front elevation would be 917.4 sf. Our front elevation design is slightly under at (25.8) percent, with a total of windows and doors at 790 sf. A variance is requested to construct building (4.2) percent under the design standard for windows and doors.

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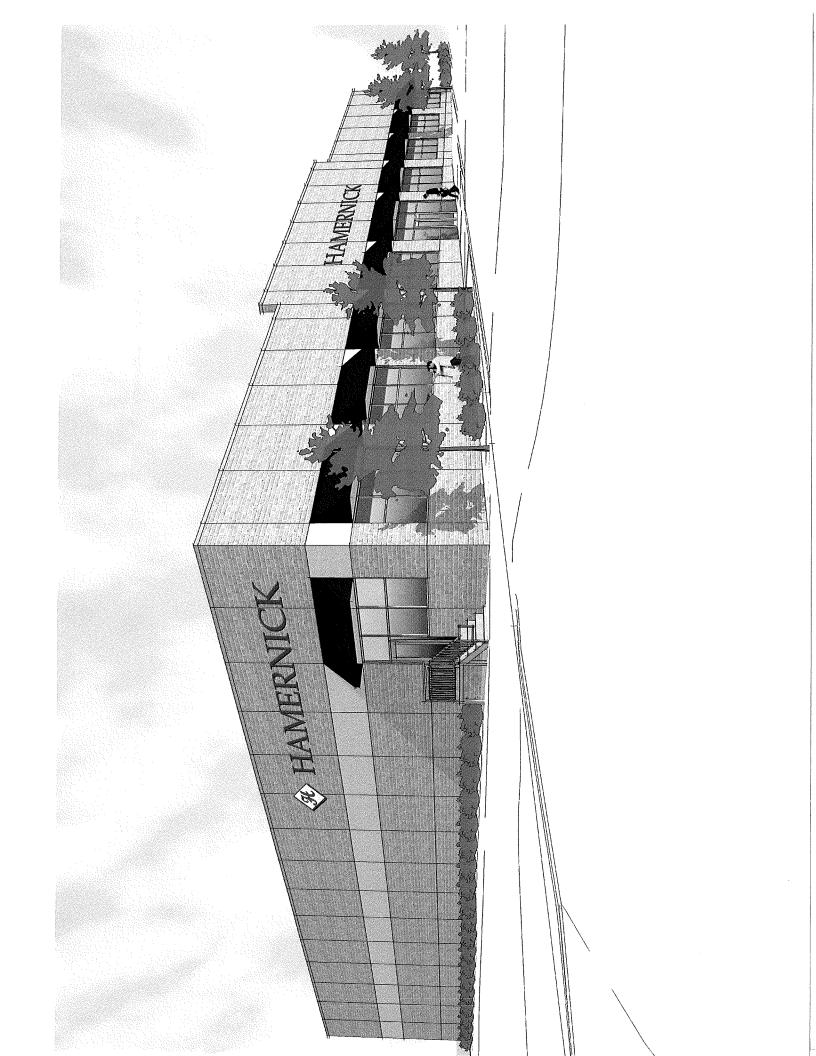
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- The two different code requirements are in conflict with each other. Any proposal presented would require a variance for approval. The proposed building size does fall between the two building size requirements and therefore, we believe variance should be granted.

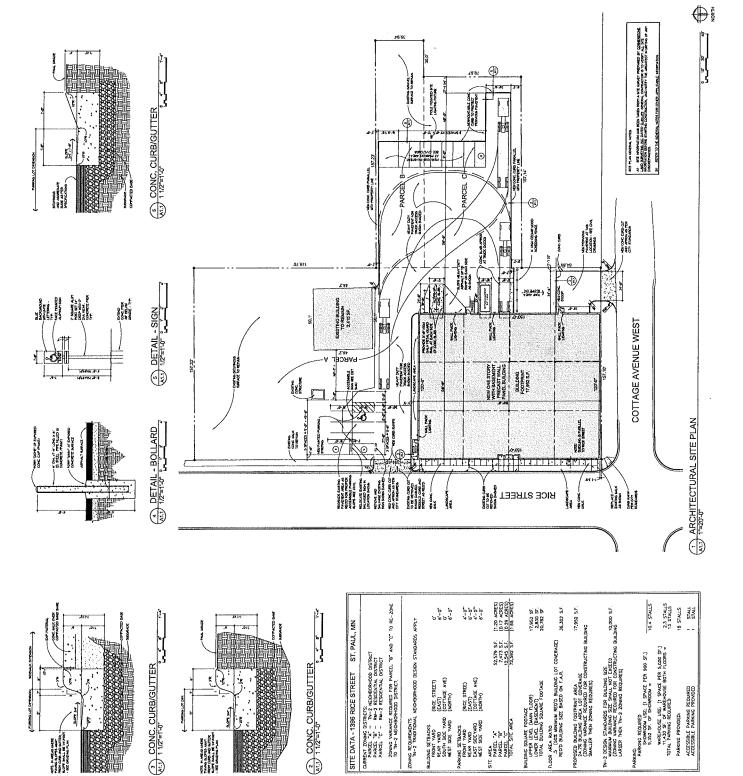
#### Variance #3

- The proposed percentage of glass is very close to the design standard requirements. The Building owner requires a clear height of 20'-0" inside building, which created a taller then average one story building, thus increasing the overall percentage of front elevation area required.
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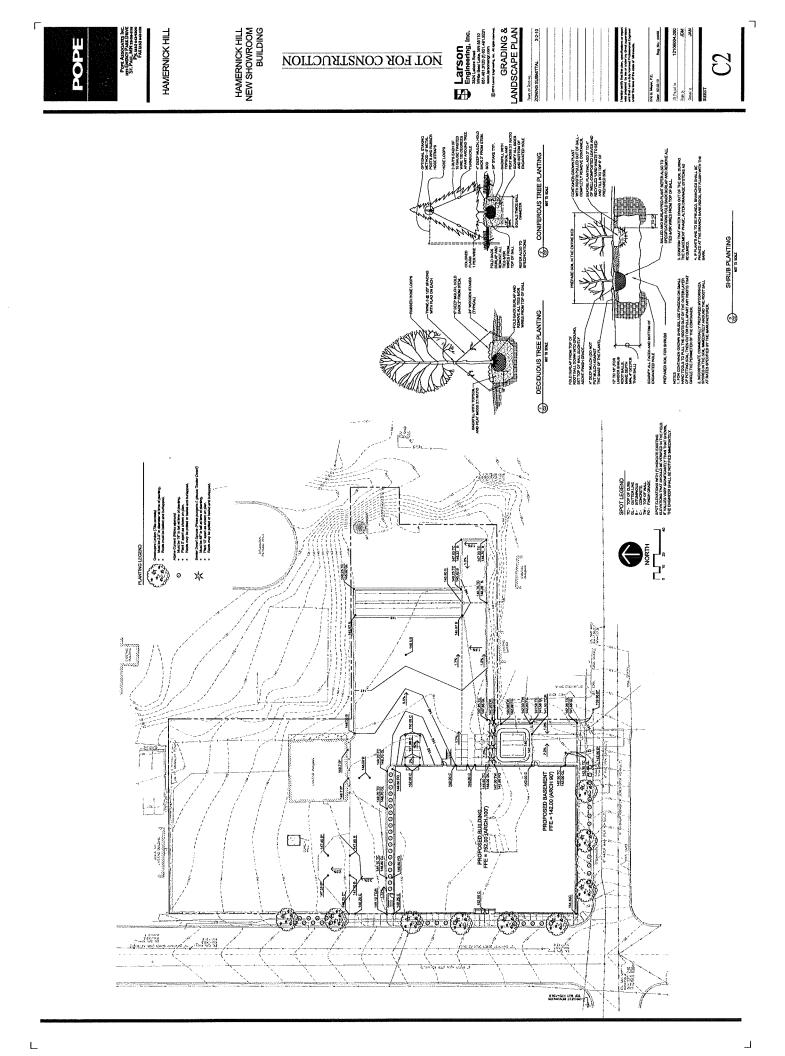
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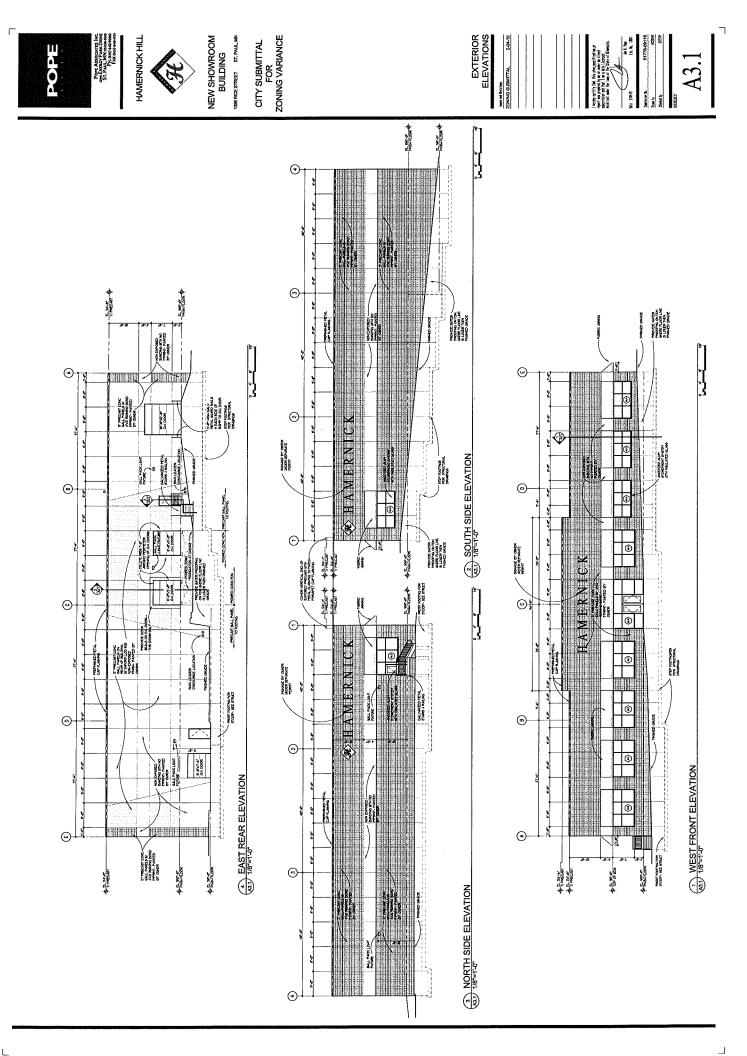
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9,352 SF. OF SHOWROOM =

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Richard Kramer, Chair Zoning Committee City of Saint Paul 1400 City Hall Annex 25 W. Fourth St. Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

Zoning File # 10-106-605 Hamernick Hill

Dear Mr. Kramer:

I am the applicant or the applicant's duly appointed representative in the Zoning File above stated.

I hereby request a continuance of the City's review of this zoning application. I am aware of and understand the statutory requirements found in Minn. Stat. § 15.99 (as amended 2003) requiring the City of Saint Paul to approve or deny this application within sixty (60) days of its submission. I desire to waive this statutory requirement for a decision on this application by April 5, 2010, and extend the deadline for action by 18 days to April 23, 2010.

I understand that this continuance means that the Zoning Committee public hearing will occur on April 1, 2010. I further understand that the Planning Commission decision on the application will be made within the period of extension agreed to and most likely on April 9, 2010, and that this extension will allow time for any appeal of the Planning Commission decision to occur and for the scheduling of a public hearing before the City Council.

Sincerely,

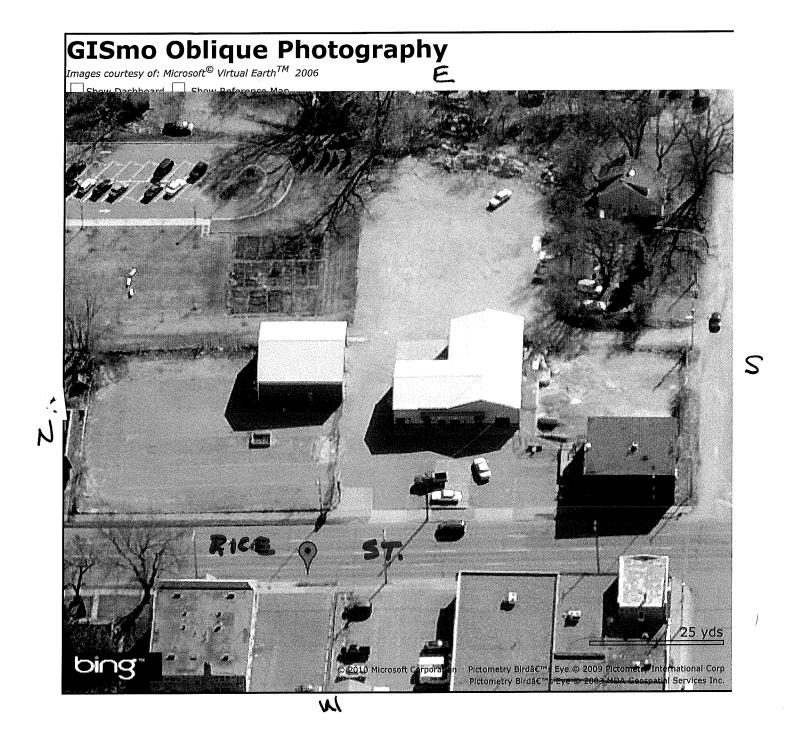
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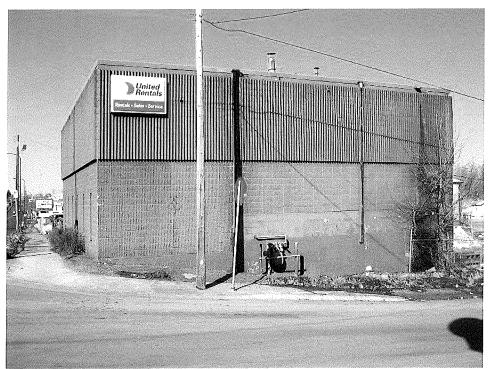
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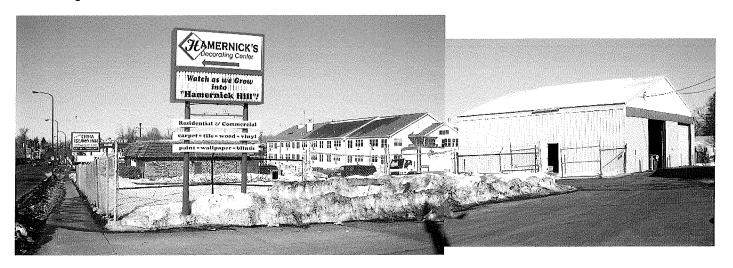
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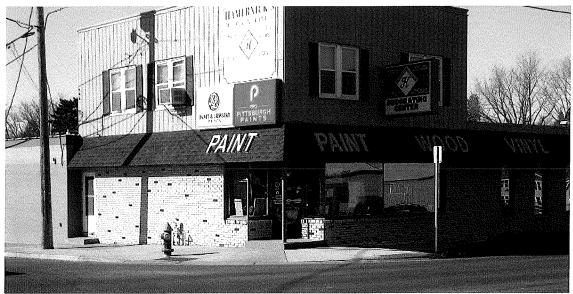
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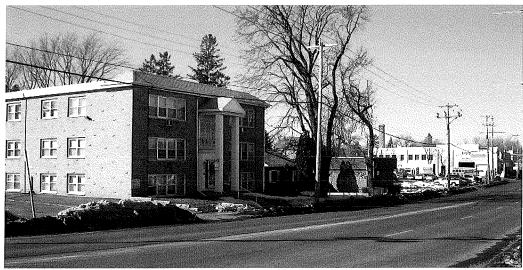
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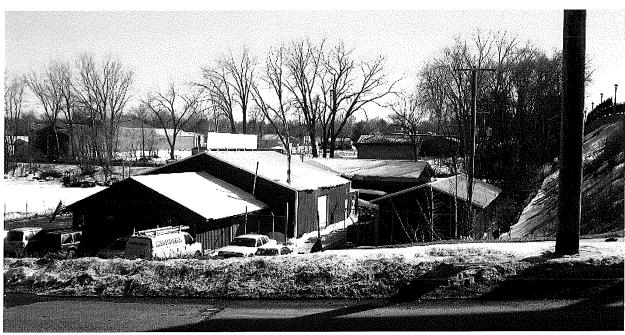
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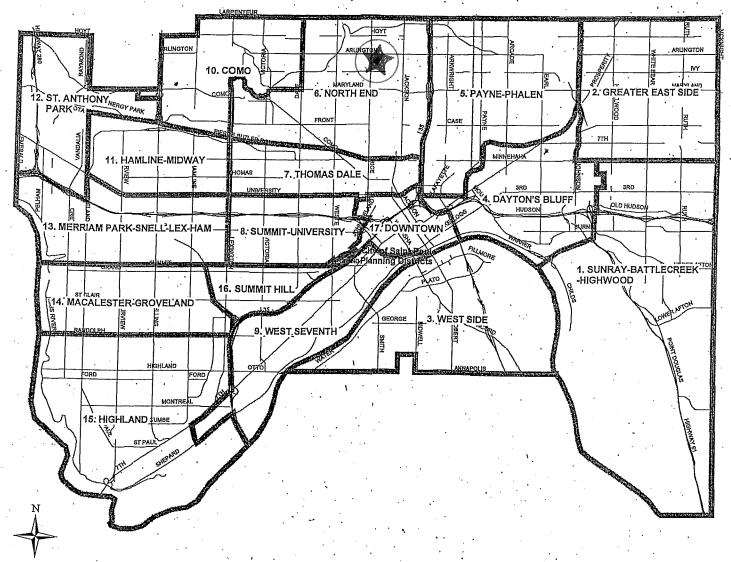


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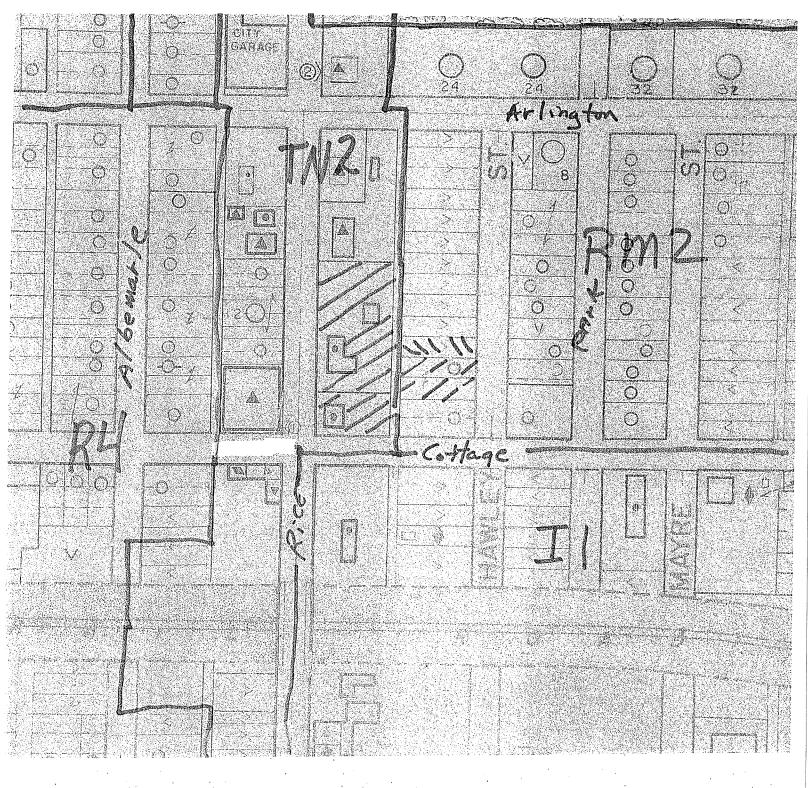
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